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PALMER FORECASTS EARLY DROP IN COST OF LIVING JUDGE ANDERSON SENDS MINERS' OFFICIAL TO JAIL U. S. AGENTS RAID BIG DISTILLERY NEAR RICHMOND

THREE LARGE STILLS FOUND AT LAKESIDE

Forty Barrels of Mash and One Prisoner Are Taken in Raid.

MOONSHINE GUARD ESCAPES

Illicit Plant Camouflaged by Pine Needles and Boughs in Deep Gully.

Grey, who escaped from

mash hidden under the boughs. As a burned brishly under one still, at the edor of mash was easily deted. The mash was in various ages of manufacture, and some of it ould have been raw whisky by morney, it is declared, if the raid had not opped its manufacture. Then the greatest surprise of alleeted the eight officers. They found rings of water had been dammed up in the water conveyed through pipes the most convenient place for use the distillers. Food was abundant, well as every convenience for works.

Auto Driver Questioned.

in automobile drove into the wood le the officers were inspecting the ils. The driver was questioned, but insisted that he came to see about ne fuel he was having hauled. However, the agents took his name, trey and Harris were left in the custiy of a guard while the remainder the revenue agents returned to chmould to secure warrants for the rest of the two negroes. Grey manmond to secure warrants for the st of the two negroes. Grey man-l to clude the guard, taking with his rifle. Both negroes said they comployed by a Richmonder, whose tity was not revealed.

The deception employed by the moon-dners was such as to require shrewd-as on the part of the agents to all the stills and mash. The belieshiners was such as to require shrewdhess on the part of the agents to
find the stills and mash. The belief
is advanced by the officers that the
moonshiners had a regular "underground" traffic with Richmond bootleggers, and that much of the "corn"
whisky which has poured into this city
to relieve the period of aridity has
come from this source.

At the current price of Christmas
moonshine whisky of \$29 a quart, it is
averred that the scizures yesterday
amounted to several thousands of dollars. The officers believe the illicit
traffickers had been doing a thriving
business, judging the quantity of mash
being fermented. Automobiles loaded
with revenue men and trucks to bring
back the copper stills as evidence were
dispatched from Richmond last night.
The task of destroying the forty barrels of mash continued until the early
hours of the morning. The three
stills were so large that two men
could not lift any one of them from
the ground.

MUST RELY ON AMERICA

Lord Curzon Says Allies Unable to Help Austria Unless United States Co-Operates.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Replying to a question by Viscount Bryce, in the House of Lords today, concerning assistance to Austria, Earl Curzon, the Foreign Secretary, declared that no great scheme was possible without the help of the United States.

Great Britain and France had proposed, and the United States had agreed, that they retain Austrian securities now held as a guarantee of payment for purchases of food for Austria, he said.

Army Officer Kills Himself.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew W. Smith, United States regular army, shot and killed himself at Fort Sheridan Hospital today. He had been ill for several months and entered the hospital suffering from nervous aliments and insomnia. Today while on a walk with a military noliceman the officer reached over, snatched the pistol from the soldier's holster, and shot himself.

'Decision Day" Passes; No Word on 2.75 Beer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Another edecision day" was passed by the Supreme Court today without any word on the subject of 2.75 per cent beer. Spectators who were attracted to the court by the belief that there would be a decision were disappointed.

The case before the court is that brought by Jacob Ruppert et al., involving the constitutionality of the Volstend act, which classed 2.75 beer as an intoxicant. In the opinion of some of the attorneys interested in the case, the failure of the court to decide the case today was a favorable sign; they reasoned that if the court had made up. Its mind to deciare the law valid, the decision would not have been postponed, but would have been rendered in short order.

The court made one ruling in respect to the prohibition controversy in ordering the briefs in the Rhode Island case to be filed not later than January 5. Chief Justice White amounced that cause must be shown by that date why the bills of the State of Rhode Island and the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of New Jersey should not be filed.

In the Rhode Island case, the Attorney - General asks permission

amendment.

The briefs of the government in support of the amendment must be filed at the same time.

JUDGE WEST WITHDRAWS

ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM JUDGESHIP RACE

Leaves But Two Candidates Whittle.

has withdrawn as a candidate for appointment to the bench or the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia to suc-

LAD SLAYS DRUNKEN FATHER IN DEFENDING HIS INJURED MOTHER

North Carolina Mountain Boy Uses Shotgun Against Liquor-Crazed Parent.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 22.—Charged with killing his father while the latter was said to be in a drunken condition, in defense of his mother and helpless brothers and sisters, Edward Lail, said to be 13 years old, is held without bail at Morganton near here, following a coroner's inquest.

The shooting occurred in the heart of South Mountains, in Burke County, and the boy's mother is said to be seriously wounded as a result of blows which she says her husband gave her, after which the boy killed his father with a shotgun.

AUSTRIA MAKES APPEAL TO AMERICA FOR HELP

Chancellor Says Only Quick Action Can Save Lives of Thou-sands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—An appeal for "the starving population of Austria in general, and Vienna in particular" received by the American relief administration from Chancellor Renner, of the Austrian republic, was made public here tonight. The Chancellor declares that peace has been followed by hardships surpassing those endured in war time, and that the people are faced by starvation.

"Hunger and cold have resped a crue! harvest among the children, invalids and aged people," added the Chancellor's message, "and the coming winter will bring horrors beyond acscription to the entire population.

"Only quick and sufficient action can save the lives of thousands and thousands of innocent victims."

The Chancellor's appeal is directed especially to American citizens, who, "through their forefathers, are related or in some way connected" with the people of Austria.

D'ANNUNZIO QUITS FIUME

Paris Dispatch Says Poet-Soldier Is on the High Seas.

FIUME. Sunday, Dec. 21.—Signor Conethy, Vice-President of the National Council, this evening told the Associated Press correspondent that Gabriele d'Annunzio had insisted upon further guarantees for the carrying out of the pact of London and regarding the annexation of Fiume by Italy, Scores of D'Annunzio's followers have left the city. The high-handed attitude of the Arditi, who enter homes, demand ffood and threaten families, has caused a revulsion on the part of the population against this branch of the occupational forces.

More Pay for Teachers.
BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The House Representatives today passed a b granting a salary increase of \$384 every Boston school teacher. The had previously passed the Senate.

CHARITY FUND TO \$2,850

Minal Contributions for "Ten Op- U. S. District Judge Declines to Acportunities" Accompanied by Letters of Appreciation.

GOAL EXCEEDED BY \$630.05 DENOUNCES KANSAN'S ATTITUDE

Pointing Out Constructive Benevolence Made Possible by Subscriptions for Unfortunate Families.

for the relief of ten stricken families was oversubscribed within a week, and closed last Saturday night, yesterday's brought further contributions amounting to \$189.75 as well as many letters of appreciation for the efforts of The Times-Dispatch in behalf of the

With the closing contributions yesterday the total sum subscribed to the "Ten Opportunities" reached \$2,850.05. exceeding by \$630.05 the quota fixed for the ten families.

"Ten Opportunities" fund received yesterday, was one from J. E. Hall, of Richmond, who wrote: Richmond, who wrote:

"Accept my congratulations on the successful outcome of the Ten Opportunities" and those that have recently gone before, and best wishes for any and all that may follow.

"My opinion is that your paper is not only the premier morning daily of the country, but that it is entitled to a similar rank as a charity worker.

"Through your various opportunities of the past month or so, I should say \$5,000, more or less, have been raised, and the end is not yet. Judge Jesse F. West, of Waverly, as withdrawn as a candidate for apointment to the bench of the Supreme fourt of Appeals of Virginia to succeed Judge Stafford Whittle. The anouncement of Judge West's action ing it the highest form of constructive

Another was from a person signing P. T. B., who wrote:

"You have performed a noble and charitable act in casting a ray of sunlight into the homes of a score or more of families where the shadow of gloom and sorrow previously tortured the hearts of anxious mothers.

"May the biessings of a merciful God rest upon you, the philanthropic people of Richmond and other parts of the Commonwealth for the open-hearted response to your call.

"You and they have put Virginia on the tiptop line of the touching appeal made by one of Queen Victoria's grand-daughters:

 Yesterday's contributions
 \$ 172 75

 Opportunity No. 1.
 \$ 1 00

 Mrs. F. M. Repberger
 \$ 1 00

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 F. A. B.
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Vesterday's contributions . . \$
Opportunity No. 4.

Yesterday's contributions . . \$
Opportunity No. 9. F. A. B. Yesterday's contributions . \$ 3 50 Opportunity No. 10. Miss Frances B. Rupberger . . \$ 1 00

Yesterday's contributions .. \$ 1 00 Final total\$2,850.05

Reds Had Intended to Paralyze Operations in Northwest Beginning FOUND BY BOY SKAT

IBY Associated Press. 1
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.,
Dec. 22.—A general strike of Industrial
Workers of the World which, it was
reported, was scheduled to begin in
the Northwest on January I, has been
postpened indefinitely, according to information received here today from the
Military Intelligence Bureau at Washington.

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The strike, it was reported, was intended to paralyze the lumbering incustry of Minnesota and other States and portions of Canada, bordering on the Northwestern States.

Fresence of Federal investigators as well as State troops here is said to have had a disheartening effect on the leaders in the movement.

CLOSING DONATIONS BRING | ALEXANDER HOWAT HELD BY INDIANAPOLIS COURT

cept \$10,000 Check in Lieu of Bond.

Times-Dispatch Reader Writes, Hearing of Contempt Case Against

President of District Number 14 Is Set for Monday Afternoon. Failed to End Local Strike.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district (No. 14), of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight is in jail

of bond which would be acceptable.

Denounces Howat's Attitude.

Judge Anderson this morning denounced Howat for his attitude in connounced Howat for his attitude in connection with the courts injunction
against the strike, and declared:
"Either I have to vindicate the law
or abdicate in favor of Mr. Howat."
The hearing this morning began
with a response by Henry Warrum,
chief counsel for the United Mine
Workers of America, in which the
position was taken that Howat, in
keeping in force a local strike of 1,000
miners in the Kansas district, which
was called last July, did not violate
the injunction against furtherance of
the general strike, but complied with
instructions of the miners' general
committee in that operation of mines

inder command of Generals Ricaut and before on December 3, violated this order (the court's injunction) and the Lever law every hour since that time. Now, the question is, what this man has not in good faith, attempted to comply with the order of this court. It is quite apparent that there is ample ground for the grand jury to bring a bill against him for a felony. What should I do under the circumstances? Why, hold him, of course. That is what I have to do. Now I have continued this case to a time when he could get counsel, as he wants, and the government can get its witnesses here to prove as to whether he has been contumacious, and in the meantime I am going to hold this man right here under the jurisdiction of this court."

364 Strikes in Thirty-Three Months. During the outline of the government's case by Mr. Simms it was declared that during thirty-three months before December 31, 1918, there were command of Generals Ricaut and proved in the attack of the attack of the attack of the attack of print of the department's flow plane, shortly after the attack ook place, and these forces did not attempt to go into Muzquiz until after the villisten evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to go into Muzquiz until after the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement to the villiston evacuated the town. In view of the department's statement the botte point of the villiston evacuated the town. I

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KANSAS MINERS LEAVE
WORK PENDING ACTION

BY Associated Press.!

PITTSULIG. KANS. Dec. 22.—Declaring that they would not return to work until they knew what Judge Anderson at Indianapolis intended to do with Alexander Howat, the 250 miners and the largest producers in the Kansas field, went on strike today, according to reports to the State receivers. The strike occurred before the miners had lard anything from the proceedings at Indianapolis.

For several days miners in the North field of Crawford County have been threatening to strike if Howat is punished at Indianapolis. That the men anywhere would walk out until action actually had been taken, however, was not generally believed.

CALL SPECIAL CONVENTION

CALL SPECIAL CONVENTION OF MINERS FOR JANUARY 5

Vesterday's contributions. \$ 3.50 opportunity No. 10. ss Frances B, Rupberger . \$ 1.00 in the second of the United Mine Workers of America will be held in Columbus, Ohio, beginning January 5, it was amounted at the international headquarters of the organization here today. The call for the convention was being prepared today and probably will go out tomorrow.

FOUND BY BOY SKATERS Inquest Discloses That Four Babies Were Born of One Mother,

CLYDE. N. Y.. Dec. 22.—Inquiry started today into the murder of four babies, a girl and three boys, whose bodies were found in a box on the Eric Canal, established the fact that the victims were quadruplets.

Physicing who examined the little bodies, discovered late last night by boy skaters on the canal, declared the babies were undoubtedly born of one month, and that all had been murdered. It was impossible to determine the nationality of the babies, who were two or three days old when slain.

Lodge and Underwood Seek Basis For Compromise on Peace Treaty

reservations.

Notable in the day's long series of concillation conferences was a meeting between Senator Lodge, or Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and Senator Underwood, of Alabama, a prominent Democratic advocate of a speedy compromise. They are said to have discussed the whole range of possibilities for bringing together on a common ground enough Senators to insure ratification.

Meantime the acting Democratic

Meantime the acting Democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, canvassed sentiment on both sides of the controversy and arranged during the coming week to see every Republican Senator, who remains in Washington over the holidays. As soon as Congress reassembles he plans to have a general conference of these who tavor ratification with or without reservations.

In his talk with Senator Under-

Some of the more optimistic ex-pressed confidence that the ratifica-tion would come before January 16, this formally escablishing peace and permitting the President to lift prohibition for a brief wet spell before the constitutional prohibi-tion amendment act becomes effec-tive on that date.

MEXICO IS WARNED AGAIN CURRENT AGAIN CUT OFF

STATE DEPARTMENT SENDS CARRANZA NEAR-ULTIMATUM

ges Against Americans Are Not to the Repeated, Lansing Tells Southern Republic.

By Universal Service. WASHINGTON. Dec. 22.—The State Department's note to the Carranza government today, insisting that outrages against Americans shall not be repeated, is understood to have the unqualified indorsement of President Wilson.

Another bad "ground" on the direct current electricity distribution circuit of the Virginia Railway and Power Company stopped practically all elevator service in Richmond, closed five picture theaters for about four hours and invested mail very less here vertex.

New York Federal Food Adminis'rator Stops Disposal of Cuban Product at 191/2c-20c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The proposed sale of 9,000,000 bounds of Cuban sugar to consumers at 19 1-2 to 20 cents a pound with \$100,000 profit, was held up today by Arthur Williams, Federal food administrator, because the fixed price is 11 cents.

The sugar is aboard the steamship Munson, which arrived recently from Cuba. Mr. Williams informed Emmanuel Rionda, member of a firm of brokers to which the cargo was consigned, that the aid of the Sugar Equalization Board would be invoked if nevessary to prevent the sale at the price proposed.

Rionda, explained that the sugar Posed.
Rionda explained that the sugar would cost his firm 18 1-2 cents a pound, divided as follows: 13 1-2 cents paid growers. 3 1-2 cents for refining. 1 1-10 cents for duty and 4-10 cent for freight.

Find Bombs in Girls' School.

LISHON, Sunday, Dec. 21.—A store of eight bombs ready for use and sixteen in process of construction, together with a great quantity of explosives, was been found in a girls school here.

views of the mild reservation group of Republicans, who presented to him at a conference yesterday a plea for support of the compromise negotiations that have been pro-ceeding ever since the trenty failed of ratification at the last session of Congress,

Congress,

Modifications in the language of the reservations as agreed on by the Senate majority are understood to have been suggested by the mild reservationists, although it was said the question of the language to be adopted would be left open for the present. Refrafts of some of these reservations have been submitted to various Senators by prominent Republicans outside Congress while many suggestions for changes have come from other sources. All of these, it is understood, will be taken into consideration as the negotiations proceed.

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"GROUNDED" WIRE CAUSES

INCONVENIENCE TO MANY Elevators in Business District Haited Late Yesterday, Compelling Much Stair Climbing.

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posated, is understood to have the unqualified indorsement of President Wilson.

While the text of the note was not made public, the official statement holday by the department, contains the phrase ology almost of an ultimatum. The statement follows:

The Department of State has instructed the American embassy at Mexpossible step be taken to arrest the bandit who kidnaped Frederick Hugo, manager of the hacienda La Rucias, near Muzquiz, in Goaduifa, recently and held-him for ransom, and the embassy has been instructed to insist to the Mexican foreign office that such out.

Federal Troops Falled to Act.

The department's information is that Iluga was released upon agreement that within twelve days he would by a ransom of \$1.500 and that there were taken from ranches owned by Americans approximately 100.000 pesos, at the horse and a large supply of food. The department has been advised that while there were only 400 of the banded. The department has been advised that horse and a large supply of food. The department has been advised that horse and a large supply of food. The department has been advised that horse and a large supply of food. The department has been advised that horse and a large supply of food. The department because the food of the banded of t ago, officials of the company declared that because of the difficulty incurred in inspecting underground cables, through which the electricity is carried, it was impossible to say when more trouble might be expected.

WALTER A. WATSON ILL; HAS BUT FAINT CHANCE OF RECOVERY

CCMMERCE AT HIGH MARK

American Exports and Imports for No-vember Second Greatest in Nation's History.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Exports and imports in November reached the second highest marks in the nation's history. The Department of Commerce Dunces loday that the value of exports was \$741,000,000, as compared with \$632,000,000 in October, and \$522.000,000 in November a year ago, while imports in November amounted to \$422,000,000, as against \$402,000,000 in October of this year, and \$251,000,000 in November of last year.

SAYS DECLINE DUE

and Law's Hand Is Laid on Profiteers. 179 PROSECUTIONS BEGUN

Price Situation Und : Control

Department of Justice Seeks to Impose Jail Sentence on All Violators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Expectation of a decline in retail food prices be-

ginning between January 1 and March 1 was expressed tonight by Attorney-General Palmer in a statement sum-ming up the efforts of the government to date in forcing down the cost of

to date in forcing down the cost of itving.

"The cost of living, already under control," said the Attorney-General, can be reduced if every one who produces will produce his utmost, if those who buy and consume will save and eliminate extravagance and if all honest people will join with the Department of Justice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding."

Explaining that a downward trend in retail food prices ordinarily was shown during the first two months of a year, Mr. Palmer said it was the hope of the government "that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the government which is just now getting well under way."

Prices Are Now Stationary.

Although statistics compiled annually by the government show that in previous years retail food prices increased during the fail months, Mr. Palmer said that "since August this year such prices had been maintained practically stationary."

Only since October 22, when necessary amendments to the Lever food control act were passed, the Attorney-General's statement said, has it been possible to deal effectively with all cases of profiteering and hoarding, from October 22 to date 179 prosecutions have been instituted, and prosecutions have been instituted, and prosecutions and seizures have covered eighteen States, it was added.

Due to co-operation between the government and various retail mercinants' associations, the statement said, prewfling profits of clothing habeen reduced from 5 to 50 per cent.

Is Summary of Position.

The statement, which was issued with the authorization of the government officials associated with the Attorney-General in the campaign to force down inving costs, including Director-General of Railroads Hines, was considered in some quarters as a summary of the government's position in the face of the recently renewed demands of rail-

eral's statement, "in connection with demands for increased wages by railroad shopmen based on the increased cost of living, the President announced to the public the view that the cost of living would be lowered as soon as there were settled conditions of production and of commerce, as soon as the treaty of peace was ratified and as soon as merchants, manufacturers. farmers and miners had a certain basis of calculation.

Primary Step Greater Production. "In a statement to the shopmen themselves, the President declared that the primary step was to increase pro-duction and facilitate transportation so

Condition of Virginia Representative washington Hospital Shows No Improvement.

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Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 22—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 22—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 22—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 23—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 23—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 23—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 23—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 23—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 23—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 24—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 25—The condition of Representative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 25—That is a state of a processor of the condition of the processor of the condition of the presentative Walter A. Washinstron, D. C., Dec. 25—That is not be almost immediately to the hospinothe washing to the processor of the pro

the returns for November show a considerable increase over the August returns.

May Expect Downward Trend,

"This history of retail food prices indicates that a decided downward trend ordinarily may be expected in the part of the year between January I and March I, and it is to be hoped that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the goyernment, which is just now getting well under way.

"The Lever food control act, under which the food administration operated and through the enforcement of which the Department of Justice is now trying to reduce high prices, nufortunately did not provide a penalty for certain acts declared to be unlawful, and, therefore, the Department of Justice was unable to effectively deal with many cases of profiteering which came to its attention.

"Realizing the gravity of this situa-